

## EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S FAREWELL

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When the leading men of the Animal Husbandry Department in 1976 decided to initiate a special number of Research Reports ...Zootechnica, now Zootechny, and appointed me as the Editor in Chief, it certainly was a great honour and trust, but also a burden and responsibility for me. The future of Research Reports was put into the hands of a woman who had been for many years the person by far the most overtaxed with educational work in the Department; into the hands of a woman who represented the Department on the Federal Scientific Fund, as long as it existed, and travelled very frequently to Belgrade trying to obtain as much financial funding as possible for Departmental research; into the hands of a woman for whom membership in the Commission for Feed Quality of the Federal Institute for Standardization was such a serious business that the Federal Institute for Standardization sent her to the sessions of the ISO Commission for Feedstuffs of member countries of the European Economic Union. I was aware that the quality of feedstuffs, especially of imported ones, was of vital importance for Slovenian animal husbandry. Quite a few of my accepted proposals are still today incorporated in the regulations of the Republic of Slovenia.

Twenty-six years of editing were wide-ranging and vivid: from dark periods with no beam of light to the moments of pleasure and satisfaction. I met authors who said thank you!

I have always resisted impatience, intolerance and pressures, which might be due to half of my genes originating with the Tolmin rebels, and to my colleagues from the Department, and especially of the Institute for Nutrition with whom I had excellent collaboration at educational, research and scientific levels. In spite of the many jobs that I had to fulfill, I never had an assistant or helpmate. The numerous, and as a rule the very best students, ready to work hard, that asked me to supervise them, unconsciously confirmed the correctness of my approach. Thus Research Reports has become quite a pretty journal, which is also appreciated by quite a number of foreign scientists.

I would like to thank the editors of Research Reports published by the Department of Agronomy and contact persons of the ex-Research Community of Slovenia and than the Ministry, Academicians Jože Maček, *Professor Emeritus*, and Ivan Kreft, for their always correct and cultivated cooperation.

Whatever the destiny of the Research Reports.... Zootechny be, it is important that the Department has never felt a lack of gifted, excellent and hard working graduates. The right choice and strict but fair mentorship will continue to provide many scientific articles. I wish that some of them would be written in comprehensible and literate Slovenian.

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